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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q74745

Ho-seok YOON, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/606,269

Group Art Unit: 3663

Confirmation No.: 3379

Examiner: Tuan C. To

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DISPLAYING DETAILED MAP OF SELECTED AREA

### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated September 9, 2005, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-8, 13, 14, 16, and 18-20 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 9-12, 15 and 17.

Claim 5 of Group I and Claim 9 of Group II have similar steps. As support for the restriction requirement, the Examiner states that "the product as claimed can be practiced by another materially different process such that a processing of guiding user searching a desired product, service or stores at a shopping mall." This statement is not understood.

Furthermore, MPEP § 803 provides that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the claims of Groups I and II are classified in separate classes. Notwithstanding the manner in which subject matter may be classified in the USPTO for search purposes, which in any event is not determinative of dependent and distinct inventions within the Statute or the Rules, the claims of Groups I and II are so inextricably

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interrelated that either group of claims cannot be comprehensively examined without also searching those areas in which the other group is classified.

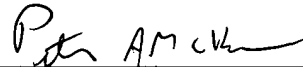
Moreover, while acquiescence in a restriction requirement and the attendant filing of a Divisional application surely represents the "path of least resistance", the cumulative government filing, issue and maintenance fees alone involved in pursuing such course of action currently totals more than \$9000, which seems a high price indeed to spare the examiner from whatever additional search may be necessary.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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